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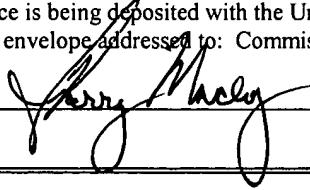
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METHODS

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Drawings:

The attached twenty four (24) replacement sheets of formal drawings replace all previous sheets of drawings. Applicants note that element 38 in FIG. 13B has been modified to conform with element 38 in the other figures, the end section lines of the fasteners in FIGS. 13B and 13D formalized, the dashed line in FIGS. 14B and 17A made solid, the connection between the flexible member line and element 128c in FIG. 17A completed for consistency with the specification, legend FIG. 14 deleted from sheet 19 and “14A,” “14B,” and “14C” replaced with “FIG. 14A,” “FIG. 14B,” and “FIG. 14C,” original legend FIG. 13E on sheet 22 replaced with legend “16E” to correct an obvious error, legend FIG. 17 deleted from sheet 24 and “A,” “B,” “C” and “D” replaced with “FIG. 17A,” “FIG. 17B,” “FIG. 17C” and “FIG. 17D,” and the vessel end sections and shading formalized in FIGS. 14A-C and 17A-D.

Attachment: 24 Replacement Sheets